

CENTENARY SERVICE

*WHEREIN IS SET FORTH A FEW UNUSUAL THINGS
DONE BY THE MISSIONARY CENTENARY OF THE
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH*

1. It has sent out 274 new missionaries in four years, lacking but 25 of doubling our force.
2. It has invested more in missions in four years than the Church raised in any previous twenty years.
3. It has built 110 new churches in Korea alone.
4. It has sent 36 missionaries to countries where we were not even represented in 1918.
5. It has collected and paid out \$18,751,830.42 as of November 30, 1923.
6. It has been largely responsible for increasing the salaries of preachers 43% in four years, a total of nearly \$3,000,000 a year.
7. In 1919 we lost 12,000 members. Beginning with the Centenary revival in 1920, we have gained nearly 250,000 members in four years at home alone. No other four years in Methodist history can compare with the Centenary period.
8. The Centenary revival in Korea won 25,000 new believers, 14,000 of whom are now enrolled as members of our Church.
9. It has won 15,000 members by conversion in countries where we were not working in 1918.
10. It has conducted a \$37,000,000 business, collected \$18,750,000, and handled the accounts of 900,000 customers on an overhead expense of only 8%, so that 92% of all its money actually reaches the field.

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11. At the beginning of the Centenary we occupied 7 foreign fields; we now occupy 12. It has added Belgium, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Siberia, and Manchuria to Methodism's world parish.

12. It has helped in the erection of 400 churches in the United States.

13. It has developed in Japan the largest Southern Methodist school in the world—Kwansei-Gakuin, with 1,700 students.

14. It supports the only real college in Korea—Chosen Christian College, at Seoul.

15. It has built in Belgium the only Protestant school for girls in that section of Europe.

16. It has built or helped nearly 50 schools in foreign lands, multiplying our institutions of learning until we have as many abroad as at home.

17. If the Centenary pledges are paid and the whole program carried out, we will have built more churches in this period in foreign lands than during the whole of our previous history.

18. It is supporting 500 home mission workers in various parts of the United States.

19. It has enlisted 5,000 Life Service Volunteers, and 750 of these are now at work at home and abroad.

20. It has opened up a whole presiding elder's district in New Mexico, increasing the pastoral charges from 3 to 15 in four years.

21. Though the first missionary ever appointed by American Methodism was sent to the French of Louisiana in 1820, the Centenary has won greater results among these people in four years than was obtained in the previous 100 years.

22. It has erected a school for Indians in Oklahoma, another for Mexican girls at Pharr, Tex., and another for Mexican boys at San Antonio.

23. It has built 6 new churches, 5 of which are self-supporting, by an investment of \$5,000 in a North Carolina cotton mill community.

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24. It has placed \$1,600,000 in the hands of the missionary authorities of all our Annual Conferences to be spent locally.

25. It has established 14 Summer Schools for Pastors and these train more than 2,000 preachers annually in modern methods.

26. It has placed pastors in 6 army and navy camps and chaplains in 8 government tuberculosis hospitals.

27. It has enabled our Church to occupy many important cities in the West—such as Glendale, Calif., Tucson and Bisbee, Ariz., Las Vegas and Clayton, N. Mex.

28. It has trebled the charges in Arizona and multiplied the membership by four. It has doubled the membership in New Mexico.

29. It is investing more in rural work alone each year than we previously invested in all forms of connectional home missions.

30. It has reopened 13 abandoned rural churches in one Alabama district, 6 in one Arkansas district, and similar numbers in country sections all over our territory.

31. It is solving "the problem of the country Church" by supporting a number of "demonstration charges" and "demonstration districts" in various parts of the Church and in them working out practical country programs.

32. It is building in Havana the greatest Protestant center in Cuba.

33. It has erected in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, what is probably the best mission church in the world.

34. It has erected a \$150,000 Publishing House in Brazil and is flooding that country with Christian literature.

35. It has sent workers into the heart of Bolshevik Siberia, and they are sticking to their posts though their churches and schools have been confiscated.

36. It has established a *Christian Advocate* published at Harbin and printed in Russian and translated the Discipline into Russian. The translator was converted in the work, became our first Russian member, and is now a teacher in the new Centenary Methodist Institute in Harbin.

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37. The Centenary Methodist Institute at Harbin enrolled 400 pay Russian students immediately after its opening.

38. It has projected 41 different religious, educational, and medical enterprises in China alone.

39. It has completed at Soochow the greatest hospital in China and one of the best equipped mission hospitals in the world.

40. It has in Korea increased the Churches from 238 to 476, Sunday schools from 138 to 387, pupils from 5,911 to 13,650, native contributions from \$6,000 to \$53,000, the number of preachers licensed from 7 in 1919 to 72 in 1923.

41. It is supporting 120 Negro mission pastors, conducting a summer school for Negro preachers, and helping five colleges of the Colored Methodist Church.

42. It maintains 3 orphanages in Europe and conducts 8 schools in Warsaw for the 88,000 homeless children of the streets.

43. It maintains central buildings in Brussels, Prague, Warsaw, and Posen, which are among the greatest mission buildings of the world.

44. It has saved from starvation several thousand university students who fled from Bolshevik lands and thus won the hearts of the future leaders of several European nations.

45. It has doubled our membership in Mexico in four years.

46. It has built about 300 churches, purchased 100 new sites, built or rebuilt 12 hospitals, and erected a large number of residences in foreign lands.

47. It has given \$50,000 each to a dozen mountain schools in which 700 young Christian workers are in training.

48. It has established departments of Rural Church Work in Southern Methodist University and Hendrix College.

49. It is supporting 50 preachers and workers in the slums and industrial sections of 16 large cities in our territory.

50. And there are also many other things which the Centenary has done, the which, if they should be written every one, even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written.

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